

REMARKS

1. An Office Action requiring Applicants to elect a single invention for prosecution on the merits was mailed September 8, 2008. Claims 1-36 were last presented for examination. By the foregoing Amendments, no claims have been amended, added or cancelled. Thus, upon entry of this paper, claims 1-36 will remain pending in this application. Of these thirty-six (36) claims, five (5) claims (claims 1, 25, 34, 35 and 36) are independent claims. In response to the Election/Restriction Requirement, Applicants submit this Response to Election/Restriction Requirement.

Election/Restriction

2. The Examiner has required the election of a single invention for prosecution on the merits. The Examiner alleged that the originally filed claims are directed to the following two (2) patentably distinct inventions:

- I.* Claims 1-33, drawn to a power management system for supplying power to an output circuit, classified in class 320, subclass 116.
- II.* Claims 34-36, drawn to a method of forming a patterned conductive element for an implantable medical device, classified in class 607, subclass 61.

Provisional Election

4. In accordance with 37 CFR § 1.143 and MPEP 818.03(b), Applicants hereby provisionally elect, without traverse, the claims of Group I, namely, claims 1-33.
5. Applicants do not intend to dedicate non-elected claims to the public and reserve the right to file divisional applications for the subject matter covered by the non-elected claims.
6. The inventorship for the invention of the elected claims is the same as the inventorship of record in this application.

Conclusion

7. In view of the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that this application is in condition for allowance and favorable action is respectfully solicited.

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